

Town Supervisor's Report

September 2022

Brownfield Opportunity Area Designation

NYS Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez informed the Town and Village on August 12 that we have been officially approved a Brownfield Opportunity Area. Secretary Rodriguez goes on to say that he will notify our State elected representatives of the designation and advise them of the priority and preferences that will be afforded to certain projects and properties located within or impacted by the BOA, as well as additional Brownfield Clean Program tax credit incentives.

Town/Village Comprehensive Plan

The Town/Village Comprehensive Plan Committee is holding its second meeting on Tuesday, September 27. At its first meeting, they started developing a Community Profile. This is being finalized. During this second meeting the Committee will organize for the Fall public engagement meetings.

Cannabis Dispensaries and On-site Consumption Lounges

A Public Hearing on Cannabis Dispensaries and On-site Consumption Lounges was held at the Greenwich High School Auditorium on Tuesday, August 30. The vast majority of attendees approved of allowing Cannabis Dispensaries and in some cases, Cannabis Consumption Lounges. The Town Board will discuss this topic later in this meeting.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant

An application was submitted for a Hudson River Valley Greenway grant to fund the second phase of the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan process. This second

phase focuses on developing recommendations and an implementation strategy to further the vision and goals identified during Phase I. Committee and public meetings will influence the goals and priorities that are in the Plan, which will also complement the zoning and infrastructure strategies in the BOA Plan.

2023 Budget Development Process

The 2023 budget development process has begun. On September 1, Department Heads were asked to submit requests for 2023. After receiving this information, the Supervisor/Budget Director and Deputy Budget Director have started crafting a tentative budget to be presented to the Town Board at a Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, September 19 at 6 PM. After receiving input from Town Board members, a public meeting will be held to receive public input on the preliminary budget. Final revisions to the preliminary budget are made and the 2023 budget is adopted by the Town Board.

IT Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

Symmetric, our IT consulting firm, is in the process of migrating all email accounts to Microsoft's M365 system. This will enhance information security and help prevent outsiders from accessing our computer network. When finished, all users will have a two-step verification system when using email.

Town Hall Engineering Study

The final phase of the Town Hall Engineering Study has been completed. Issues have been identified and estimated costs for addressing each of these items have been made. The Town Board will discuss in detail the report and any planned action at a future meeting.